

Priorities emerging from the IUCN World Parks Congress 2014...



...in the European context



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World Parks Congress: The Promise of Sydney

VISION

- rebalancing human : nature relationship
- ecosystems support our existence
- diversity of governance
- engage new constituencies using new communication tools

INNOVATIVE APPROACHES

- 150 recommendations made

SOLUTIONS

- evidence that shows how we can approach our work differently

PROMISES

- pledges from governments, public and private institutions and civil society to fulfilling these aspirations

VISION for PAs in EUROPE:

Ecologically Representative, Effectively & Equitably Managed, Interconnected & Resilient

Strengthening systematic conservation planning, based on protected area standards and supported by professional standards

Enriching diversity and resilience of protected area networks like Natura 2000 and Emerald sites

Emphasising connectivity opportunities through transboundary and wilderness areas and green corridors (including restoration efforts)

Promoting a variety of governance types

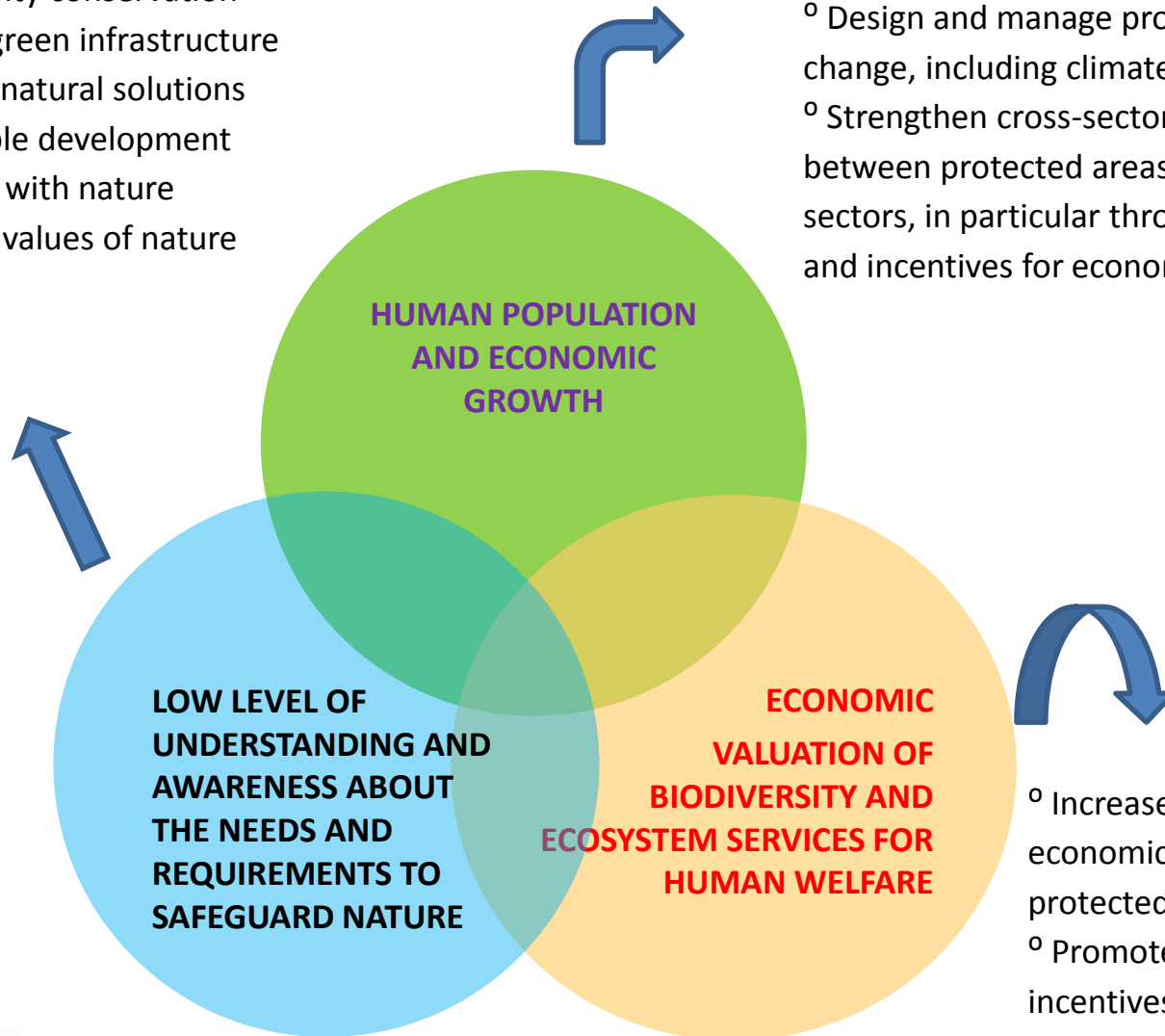
EXAMPLES OF RECOMMENDATIONS

- Take full consideration of the IUCN protected area definition and primary management objective for protected areas, focusing on habitat quality and ecosystem functions and processes
- Focus on Key Biodiversity Areas, geoheritage and marine areas
- Improve protected area management performance and support it by a communication strategy
- Involve local communities in planning and management for conservation
- Engage and empower a new generation in conservation, including different social groups

Addressing Key Indirect Drivers Influencing PA policies

- Consider connectivity conservation and investments in green infrastructure as key tools in using natural solutions to support sustainable development
- Reconnect people with nature
- Communicate the values of nature

- Design and manage protected areas for change, including climate change.
- Strengthen cross-sectoral linkages between protected areas and other sectors, in particular through the policies and incentives for economic growth



- Increase attention on economic valuation of protected areas
- Promote and design incentives for payment for ecosystem services

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
STANDARDS AND INVESTMENT
IN PROTECTED AREA
PROFESSIONALS**

**Cross-
cutting
issues**

**PROMOTE EU CONSERVATION
DIRECTIVES AND NATURA 2000**

**ENSURE CONSERVATION
OBJECTIVES ARE PROPERLY SET
IN THE EU COMMON
AGRICULTURAL POLICY (CAP)**

**ENSURE COORDINATION
BETWEEN EU NETWORKS OF
PROTECTED AND CONSERVED
AREAS AND INTERNATIONAL
DESIGNATION**

**BRIGHTEN THE OUTLOOK FOR
WORLD HERITAGE**